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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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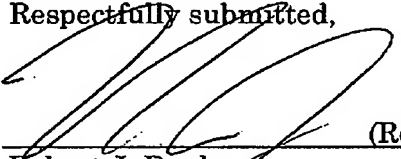
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 27, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, drawn to a liquid apparatus and method comprising principal control means for ejecting liquid droplets from a nozzle and auxiliary means for ejecting liquid droplets from in at least one direction including claims 1, 12, 13 and 16. Applicants reserve herein the right to prosecute the remaining claims in a later filed continuation or divisional applications if such a filing is necessary.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 1, 12, 13 and 16, and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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